

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Specialist James P. Lambert.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Specialist James P. Lambert upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Specialist James P. Lambert; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert, a native of Hammond, was a graduate of St. Amant High School before enlisting in the Army to serve his country in its war on terrorism around the world; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert was subsequently assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mountain Division, Light Infantry, and was soon deployed to the Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert was only recently married to his wife, Rachel, and he loved his family and friends and missed them dearly during his overseas tour, he loved his country and felt honored to be a part of the uniformed services protecting his homeland; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert's highest priority was the accomplishment of his unit's mission and the safety and well being of his brothers in arms, always placing the needs

1 of his country and comrades ahead of his own needs and interest; and

2 WHEREAS, heroism, bravery, and uncommon valor displayed by Specialist Lambert
3 during his tour in Iraq may never be completely and fully measured, despite the awarding
4 of high military combat honors such as the Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Hearts for the
5 blood he shed gallantly for his country; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert was only 23 years old when he embarked on a
7 mounted night patrol on May 25, 2004, through the deadly streets and alleys of Fallujah, a
8 known stronghold of terrorist forces; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert and his patrol were attacked by enemy forces which
10 struck his vehicle with an improvised explosive device, mortally wounding Specialist
11 Lambert and a fellow soldier; and

12 WHEREAS, while the loss of Specialist Lambert and his comrade was almost more
13 than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made
14 citizens around Louisiana rally in support of America's fighting forces and their gallant
15 efforts on behalf of their country; and

16 WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert will forever be remembered by his family, friends,
17 and fellow soldiers as a dedicated soldier and his sacrifice serves as a reminder that freedom
18 is never free and Americans may have to fight to protect the freedoms and liberties its
19 citizens now enjoy.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
22 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Specialist James P. Lambert
23 for bravely fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
25 transmitted to the wife, Rachel, and mother and father, Rosemary and Fred, of Specialist
26 James P. Lambert.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Specialist James P. Lambert.